(c) if so, how much area have since been handed over to farmers in the border States; and

(d) by when the remaining area would be demined and transferred to farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) A total of approximately 10.5 lakh mines were laid during the mobilisation of army in December, 2001.

(b) and (c) Approximately 71% of the total mines have been completely demined so far. The demined areas are handed over to the farmers/owners in the presence of the State Government officials and village representatives. The information regarding the area of the land mined/demined cannot be disclosed for 'security' reasons.

(d) Exact time-frame for demining the area cannot be determined at this stage.

**Indo-US Defence Policy Group Meet in India**

3432. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indo-US Defence Policy Group has met in India recently to discuss about defence cooperation ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) No, Sir. The Indo-US Defence Policy Group (DPG) last met in USA in May, 2002.

(b) Does not arise.

**Supply of Falcon Aircrafts by Israel**

3433. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has shown some reservations on the supply of Falcon Aircrafts to India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been any violation of the terms and conditions agreed upon for the supply of aircrafts;

(d) steps being taken to ensure adherence to the contract for timely supply of aircrafts by Israel; and

(c) by when the contracted number of aircrafts are likely to be received by India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) Israel has not shown any reservation on integrating a system on an aircraft of a third country and delivery to India.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No contract has been entered into for the purpose.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The receipt of the systems would be between three and a half to five years from the date of signing of the contract and payment of advance.

**Procurement of AJT**

3434. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether search for a suitable Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) is over;

(b) if so, the details of the AJT finally selected, its source and cost; and

(c) the agreement if any signed/finalised in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

**Students from Sainik Schools who qualified for NDA**

3435. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of students who successfully completed the class XII Higher Secondary Examinations from the Sainik Schools during the years 1999-2000; and

(b) how many of the above were successful in entering the NDA in absolute numbers. as well as percentage for the corresponding years from each institution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA) :

(a) 812 and 791 cadets successfully completed the Class XII Higher Secondary Examinations from the 18 Sainik Schools in the country during the years 1999 and 2000 respectively. The Details are enclosed as Statement (*See* below)